WORKSHEET - 1

1. Post truth has overpowered truth, truth has no hope to survive.

Meaning of Key Terms

Post Truth → opinions, emotions, rhetoric, narratives shaping public opinion

Truth → Facts, evidence based analysis

Hope → Aspiration, dream, wish

Survive → to endure, victory, win

Brainstorming Satyamev Jayate Mundak Upanishad

Truth is God Truth → search for meaning

Buddha → search for truth Jaina - Anekantvad

Perspectives ⇒ turn to vested interest narrative

Vendetta, Agenda Masses ⇒ rhetoric

Mobilization ⇒ Ideology Post Truth - media

Democracy - power of persuasion Idea as ultimate reality

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Mobocracy / Plutocracy Power of critical thinking

Difficult to find truth

Soul → ultimate test → conscience Plato Socrates

Gandhi - Satyagraha Truth over Evil

Key Dimensions with Perspective

Soc – Patriarchy → narrative – women emp
Dalits, minorities → const^n, freedom struggle
Pol – rise of AAP – centre over extreme
defeat of fascism and communism
Cul – Indianness over Western yoga Ayurveda
Eco – 2008 crisis – G20 – Transparency
Env – Paris Pact Indus^n Corp Reforms
Capitalism – narrative ⇒ stakeholders imp.
IR – Pax Americana ⇒ multipolar order
Sec – Pak infiltration neo-imperialism
radicalization social media
Tech – Deep fakes, Twitter riots, whatsapp misinformation

Critical Thinking (Thinking Beyond)

Narratives imp – Anekantvad – Perspectives
Statistics – not enough – interpretation
Multiple truths ⇒ cultural prisms
Tolerance, acceptance, universal values
New ideas → only when opinions encouraged.
Truth will always emerge? ⇒ not true
↳ corruption, economic & military power against state
Alexei Navalny, Julian Assange ⇒
Patriotism vs Truth? Nationalism – an idea
↓ ↳ post truth?
Religion → Post Truth? unnatural boundaries
↳ not based on facts → merits – fraternity
↳ way to find truth – God

2. Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

Meaning of Key Terms

life → existence, being, quality of being alive, quality
↳ mortality, humanity, actuality

simple → easy, straightforward, effortless, basic, understandable

Insist → assertion, to demand, argue, claim

Complicated → complex, elaborate, tricky, incomprehensible, difficult, confusing

Brainstorming

life - being alive - instinctive ⇒ natural
↳ Maslow's hierarchy of needs - food, shelter
To exist → not life ⇒ life = living ⇒ full potential
Experiential capacity of humans
↳ makes complicated — conflicts ⇒ values, priorities
competition / survival struggle - survival of fittest (Herder)
Find meaning in life → complex
↳ purpose → human condition
animals ↳ simple
NOT easy - simple ✓; NOT complex - tough ✓.

Key Dimensions with Perspective

Soc → Education → Better quality of life
↳ Health → unaffordable for most

Pol → rep people - simple
politics → muddled - complicated

Rousseau — natural living - true freedom

Cul → success wealth status / not necessary
↳ friends, family, community imp

Eco → competition, cut throat
↳ inclusive growth, sust dev

Env → One Health - simple

IR → struggle for power → cooperation

Sec → South Asia fragmented

Tech → for growth over profits / privacy issue

Critical Thinking (Thinking Beyond)

Higher ideals → cannot be simplistic

Animal existence → Material needs

Human existence → Curiosity, Inquisitiveness
↳ Abstract thinking → inherently complex

To see beyond the simple explanation
↳ Dadabhai Naoroji → beyond benevolent despotism
↳ Drain of Wealth

Humans → Abstract concepts → progress
↳ Money - based on trust / imagined concept
↳ religion — spirituality - uniting factor for civilizations

Space exploration → life is beyond simple.

Complicated ≠ Negative. It means scope for more connections/analysis